Summary: FY12 Legislative Branch Appropriations

Conference Report

The allocation for the agencies of the Legislative Branch is \$4.307 billion. This allocation is \$237 million (5.2%) below the FY 2011 enacted level of \$4.544 billion, and \$550 million (11.3%) below the FY 2012 budget request level of \$4.857 billion.

Overview

The following chart provides an overview of the FY 2012 Conference agreement:

(in thousands)

Agency	FY2011 Enacted	Conference Agreement
Senate	\$914,153	\$868,593
House	\$1,311,396	\$1,225,680
Joint Items	\$19,794	\$20,207
US Capitol Police	\$340,137	\$340,137
Office of Compliance	\$4,077	\$3,817
СВО	\$46,771	\$43,787
AOC	\$600,383	\$567,509
LOC	\$628,677	\$587,344
GPO	\$135,067	\$126,200
GAO	\$546,254	\$511,296
Open World	\$11,377	\$10,000
Stennis Fellowship	\$429	\$430
Scorekeeping Adjustment		\$2,000
(GAO buyout authority)		

Section by Section Summary

Senate	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$914,153,000
FY 2012 Request	\$971,546,000
Conference Agreement	\$868,593,000

The Conference agreement would reduce the funding for Committees by 6.3% and would further reduce the Senator's personal office account beyond the reduction enacted in FY 2011 by an additional 3%.

Student Loan Program. – The Conference agreement fully funds the Senate's Student Loan program at \$6 million.

Joint Items	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$19,794,000
FY 2012 Request	\$22,144,000
Conference Agreement	\$20,207,000

Joint Economic Committee (JEC). – The proposed funding level for the JEC is \$4.2 million which is a 6.4% reduction from the FY 2011 enacted level.

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC). – The JCCIC submitted a funding request level of \$1.237 million which is the funding level provided in FY 2008. The Conference agreement funds the JCCIC at the request level of \$1.237 million.

Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT). – The Conference agreement funds the JCT at \$10.0 million, which is a 5 percent reduction from the FY 2011 enacted level.

US Capitol Police	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$340,137,000
FY 2012 Request	\$387,616,000
Conference Agreement	\$340,137,000

The proposed draft would provide \$340.1 million for the US Capitol Police, which is a freeze at the FY 2011 enacted level. At this funding level, the US Capitol Police would be funded at the current staffing level of 1,775 sworn officers and 370 civilians.

Congressional Budget Office (CBO)	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$46,771,000
FY 2012 Request	\$46,865,000
Conference Agreement	\$43,787,000

The proposed draft would provide \$43.8 million for the CBO, which is a 6.4 percent reduction from the FY 2011 enacted level.

Architect of the Capitol (AOC)	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$600,382,612
FY 2012 Request	\$706,055,000
Conference Agreement	\$567,509,000

The Conference agreement would reduce the AOC in total by \$32.87 million which is a 5.5 percent reduction from the FY 2011 enacted level.

Library of Congress (LOC)	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$628,677,000
FY 2012 Request	\$666,731,000
Conference Agreement	\$587,344,000

The Conference agreement would reduce funding for the LOC in total by \$41.33 million which is a 6.6 percent reduction from the FY 2011 enacted level.

Government Accountability Office (GAO)	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$546,254,000
FY 2012 Request	\$556,849,000
Conference Agreement	\$511,296,000

The Conference agreement would reduce funding for the GAO in total by \$25 million, which is a 6.4 percent reduction from the FY 2011 enacted level. In addition, the Conference agreement includes a provision that would provide the GAO with buyout authority. The GAO indicated to the press in early October that at this funding level along with the buyout authority included in the Conference agreement, they would not need to furlough or RIF any employees.

Government Printing Organization (GPO)	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$135,067,324
FY 2012 Request	\$148,474,000
Conference Agreement	\$126,200,000

The Conference agreement would provide \$90.7 million for Congressional Printing and Binding. This is a 3.1 percent reduction from the FY 2011 appropriation. At this level of funding, the GPO's ability to provide information digitally to Congress will not be impeded. GPO will have additional requirements in this particular account due to the production of programs, IDs, and other items ordered by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the 2013 Presidential Inauguration.

The amount recommended for Salaries and Expenses is \$35 million, which is a reduction of 12.1 percent from current spending levels. The Senate and the House have approved the reprogramming of \$2.7 million in unexpended prior year funding which, when coupled with the \$35 million, will provide the GPO with the necessary level of funding to continue mission requirements ordered by the Congress.

The Conference agreement recommends \$500,000 for GPO's Revolving Fund. This amount will provide GPO with some funding to continue the development and provide maintenance and operations costs for the Federal Digital System (FDSys). FDSys provides Congress and the public with official digital access to congressional information products, as well as the online publications of Federal agencies and the courts. Continuing the investment in FDSys will enable Congress to further achieve the desired reductions in printing costs for information products requested by Congress.

Open World Leadership Center	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$11,377,000
FY 2012 Request	\$12,600,000
Conference Agreement	\$10,000,000

The Conference agreement would reduce the Open World Leadership Center by \$1.38 million, which is 12 percent below the FY 2011 enacted level of \$11.38 million.

John C. Stennis Center for Public Service and Training and Development	
FY 2011 Enacted	\$429,000
FY 2012 Request	\$430,000
Conference Agreement	\$430,000

The Conference agreement funds the Stennis Fellowship program at the current level of \$430,000.

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